

## Message Text

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ACTION PM-04

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AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS  
INFO SECDEF WASHDC  
JCS WASHDC  
CINCPAC HONOLULU HI  
CSA WASHDC  
UNCINCEUR  
USAIL DOM/SFO  
CDR ARMCON

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 1985

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, MMOL, RP  
SUBJECT: COMMERCIAL SALE OF 105MM HOWITZERS M101A1

REF: A) STATE 26885; B) MANILA 1910; C) CINCPAC 241927Z  
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WE CONCUR IN APPROACH TO BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY  
PROPOSED IN REF A WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER  
JUSMAG-PHILIPPINES NOR THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT (GOP)  
WOULD BE IDENTIFIED. IF THE GOP WERE TO SUSPECT THAT WE  
WERE PUTTING A LONG NOSE INTO ITS POTENTIAL COMMERCIAL  
ARMS PURCHASES, IT WOULD REACT WITH CONSIDERABLE EMOTION.

2. WE ASSUME THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD SIMPLY  
BE ASKED WHETHER IT COULD SHED ANY LIGHT ON ORIGIN AND  
CURRENT LOCATION OF 105MM HOWITZERS WHICH WE UNDERSTAND  
ARE BEING OFFERED FOR SALE ON THE WORLD MARKET BY THE  
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## Message Attributes

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